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**Douglas DC-3**

The DC-3 is without a doubt the most successful commercial air transport in the history of aviation; over ten thousand were built. First introduced in 1936, it is estimated that as many as 1500 are still flying world-wide. Several have accumulated over 80,000 hours in the air, and continue to serve their masters well. As more modern equipment replaced the "Gooney Birds" in the fleets of major trunk carriers, the venerable Douglas birds found work with smaller feeder lines and freight carriers, and many are used for corporate and charter travel. This example is pictured at Upland, California, freshly painted in the colors of Air Baja.

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